

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present, plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Steve and Sue Krieger. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the September 20, 2016 minutes with this change.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry mentioned that Phil Thomas, Habitat Coordinator for TU, has scheduled a meeting for Monday, October 24th at the Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 9AM. The meeting is a brainstorming session to discuss the habitat work that TU would like to do on Clearfield Creek.

Membership Committee:

Jerry reported that he had received a lifetime membership from Kelsey Palmer, SFU instructor. He had also received membership cards from the 15 SFU students who are working on the Brubaker project with Kelsey Palmer. Earl had filled out the two membership cards for Patty Hilyer and Shirley Fudalski, as a thanks for the great job in selling so many dam cleanout tickets.

Public Relations/Historical Committee: Ray had an article from Dick Dotts on the September minutes that was in The Progress on Monday. Thanks to The Progress for this coverage.

Finance Report:

Earl was unable to attend the meeting. Earl and Alene attended and represented CCWA at the Legislative Breakfast on October 7th.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, October 18, 2016

Deposits:

DEP-	\$42,734.70	Gibson-Halstock project
Lifetime memb.	\$ 100.00	General Fund

Expenses:

Earl Smithmyer	\$ 99.68	General Fund- supplies & food for cleanup
TU	\$ 99.00	General Fund- web hosting fee
Art Rose	\$ 42.06	Dominion's Grant- Buffer for Ph meter

Dane stated that the financial report will soon be completed by Wessel & Co. He has talked to the bank about not receiving interest on our deposits. This has been corrected. Dane also ordered new checks for the grant account checking account. He will be transferring the balance from the SGO account- \$3,032.00 to the Dysart Dam Cleanout Fund- \$15,218.29.

A brief discuss was held on whether CCWA should have a credit card. No decision was made at this time. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he will soon be ordering the equipment and buffer that was requested and approved under the Dominion’s Grant.

Cleanup Committee-September 25th cleanup results: Cleanup went very well. We had 18 volunteers including students from both SFU and PSU. There was a total of 38 bags picked up, 4 tires, 2 TV sets and a small refrigerator. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help and Earl, Alene and her sister Pat for the nice luncheon.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn had nothing new to report.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- October 18, 2016**

Klondike Project No activity

W Ferris Wheel Project On 10/4, a field meeting discussed the status of the project and compiled a list of remaining tasks to be done at the project. On 10/13, water flowing from systems 1 and 2 was sampled by Taylor Hochbein and samples submitted to Mountain Research. Field measurements indicate that both systems are releasing water with pH above 6. System 3 had been flowing and released water of pH above 6, but was later flushed to correct a lack of flow to settling pond 2. On 10/18 it was releasing pH about 7.

Gibson Project See later report.

Beldin Project An email from Donna Wagner indicates that DEP is proposing funding the project to EPA. We need to reach an agreement with Bender Coal on access and construction. Shawn indicated that some contact had been made

Brubaker Project Students from St. Francis sampled about 8 sites in early October. Arthur Rose met with the students to hear their verbal reports on 10/11. Appreciable metals and acid are coming from upstream sites on at least some dates. The students have become CCWA members. An agreement is being discussed for the Watts property.

Swank Project No activity.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Clearfield Creek Sampling The samples were collected in September but no results have been received from DEP. An inquiry was sent to Dave Leiford on 10/16.

Ace Drilling An invoice for the inspection of 8/30 was sent to DEP.

General We need to prepare a continuing list of sampling and maintenance tasks to be done at the various projects. Arthur Rose will do this. Two bottles of pH 4 buffer were purchased from Ben Meadows Suppliers. The extra bottle will be stored by Dan McMullen.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow’s Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: October 18, 2016.

WFW--All 3 systems are online. The final DEP reports were written for submission by the end of the month. OSM was notified that the project was complete and a final inspection scheduled for Dec. A final OSM report is needed. KE continues to work on touch up items. Michelle and Dan are working to get locks purchased. The as-

built survey is completed. A final punch list will be distributed as KE gets closer to getting those things done. Michelle suggested a training day on how that system should be operated, and asked Art/Taylor if there were any sampling receipts through Sept. 30.

Gibson--The system was online for about 2 weeks. A quarterly report was written and submitted. Work remaining on the site is primarily site stabilization, and the grass is starting to grow. The cells have been filling so they can make sure there are no leaks, etc. The contractor does have some drain work to do yet, and there was water encountered in the trench for the intake pipe. Michelle is looking at budget to see what can be done about that. Michelle suggested that the valves that are currently exposed be buried. Dan Yahner from PGC was to inspect the sit next week. A CCWA inspection meeting was set up for 4:30 on Monday, Oct 24, at the site.

General-Michelle is to send Art some info from the Operation and Maintenance plans for the systems so that Art can assemble a "to-do list" for CCWA. Michelle asked Dane for help to clear up an issue at the DEP grants center regarding a change in bank routing number for the CCWA accounts.

Data Logger: Bryan reported that he had replaced the data logger on Slate Lick Run that had quit working. Art reported one set of data was received from Bryan-no unusual readings.

Ace Drilling Site: Ray stated that this site will be sampled either the end of November or early December, weather permitting, for the fourth quarter. Art reported that he had sent in the invoice to DEP for the August sampling, \$190.00

Old Business:

Website Update: Not too much new to report. Ed thanked Tegan for the good job in keeping the website current.

Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System: Dick stated that he had recently talked to John Mital. Forcey Coal is still doing some work in this area. He will send Dick a copy of the sampling results when they are available. Dick is also to get some sample information on Muddy Run from them.

Posts/Brochures: This project is still pending. It will be tabled until spring and better weather.

Apple Cider Festival Results: Ray, Brian and Ed set up and manned the CCWA booth and display in the morning. Dane, Katie and Dan manned the booth in the afternoon. As reported by Ed; there was lots of interest in our display and the work that we are doing, we handed out some of our brochures. All in all, it was a successful event.

New Business:

Pending Elections: Nominations will be accepted at the November meeting for the following positions: President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and one Board Member-currently held by Dick Dotts.

Note- Bryan Rabish: All money for future Growing Greener projects will not be going to treat AMD but will go towards treating sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.